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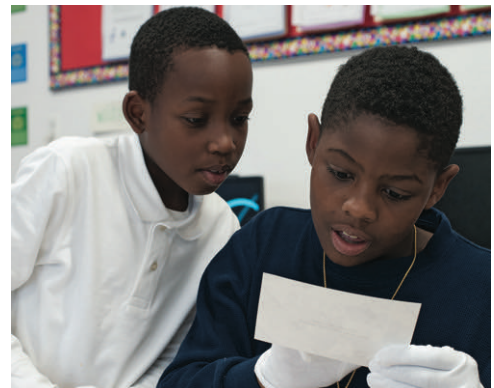
The Story of Our Schools Exhibit at
Payne Elementary School

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THE PROGRAM

In early November, a group of Payne Elementary students began their journey as they unearthed their school community's fascinating history. Led by two of Payne's finest, Mrs. Stokes and Ms. Brown guided the students as they participated in primary research, visited local archives and museums, interviewed long-time area residents and alumni, heard from guest speakers, and much more! Acting as ambassadors, our students shared their knowledge with the entire school community by visiting classrooms and leading activities for students.

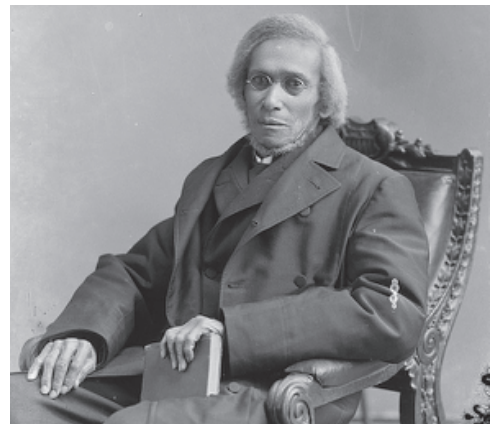
"Payne Elementary School is a special community with a rich history and strong ties to the people who have lived in the surrounding neighborhood for generations. We are a gentrifying school and creating a permanent exhibit of our history will serve as a monument, commemorating the life of the school and community that has grown over time." - Stephanie Byrd, Payne Principal



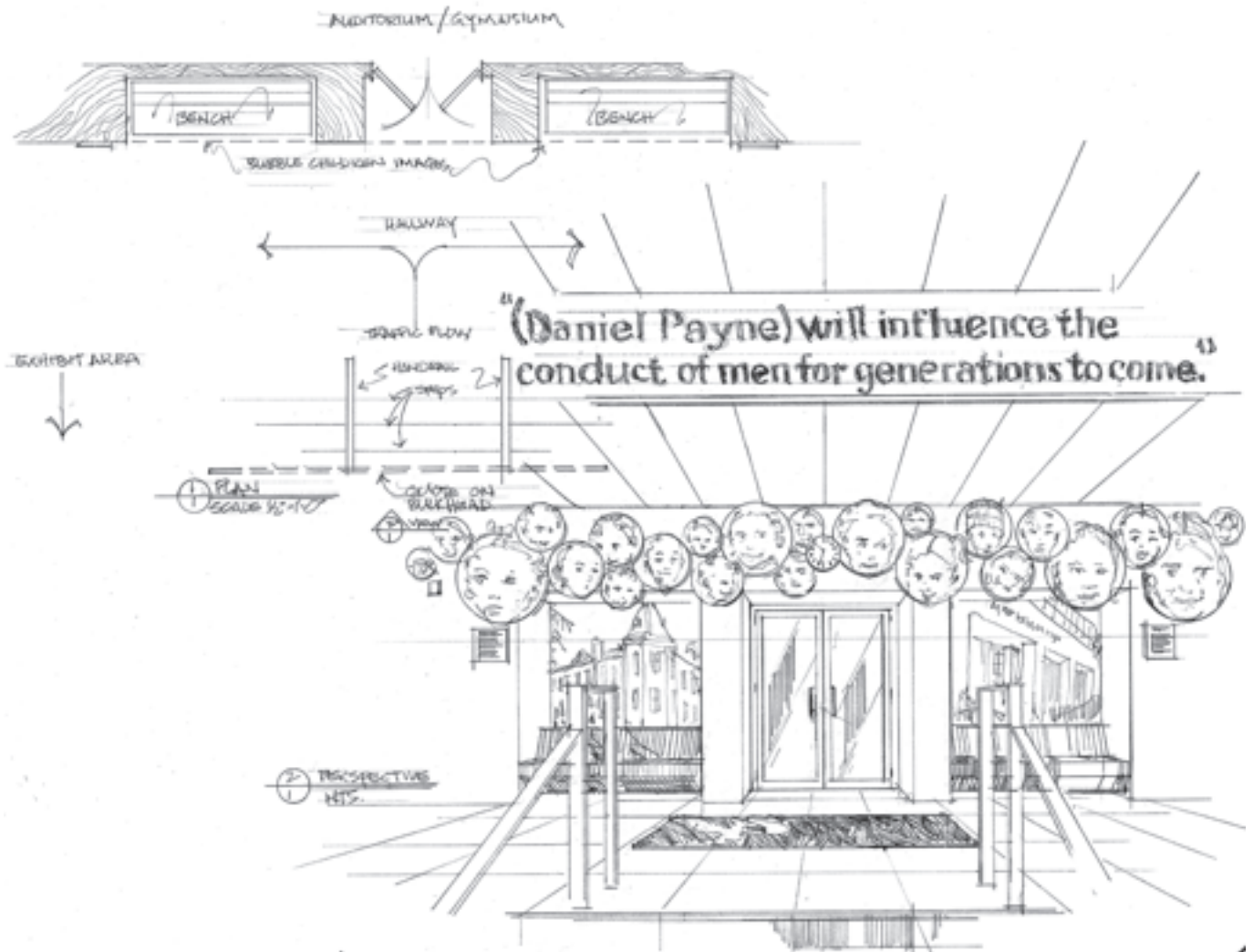
THE EXHIBIT

By the end of the school year, our students will have gathered enough information to produce a museum-quality exhibit that will remain permanently installed on school grounds. The exhibit will deepen the community's understanding of the history of the school community, inform and excite prospective families and residents, enhance parent and family engagement, and create engaging learning tools for teaching history, research skills, and critical thinking.

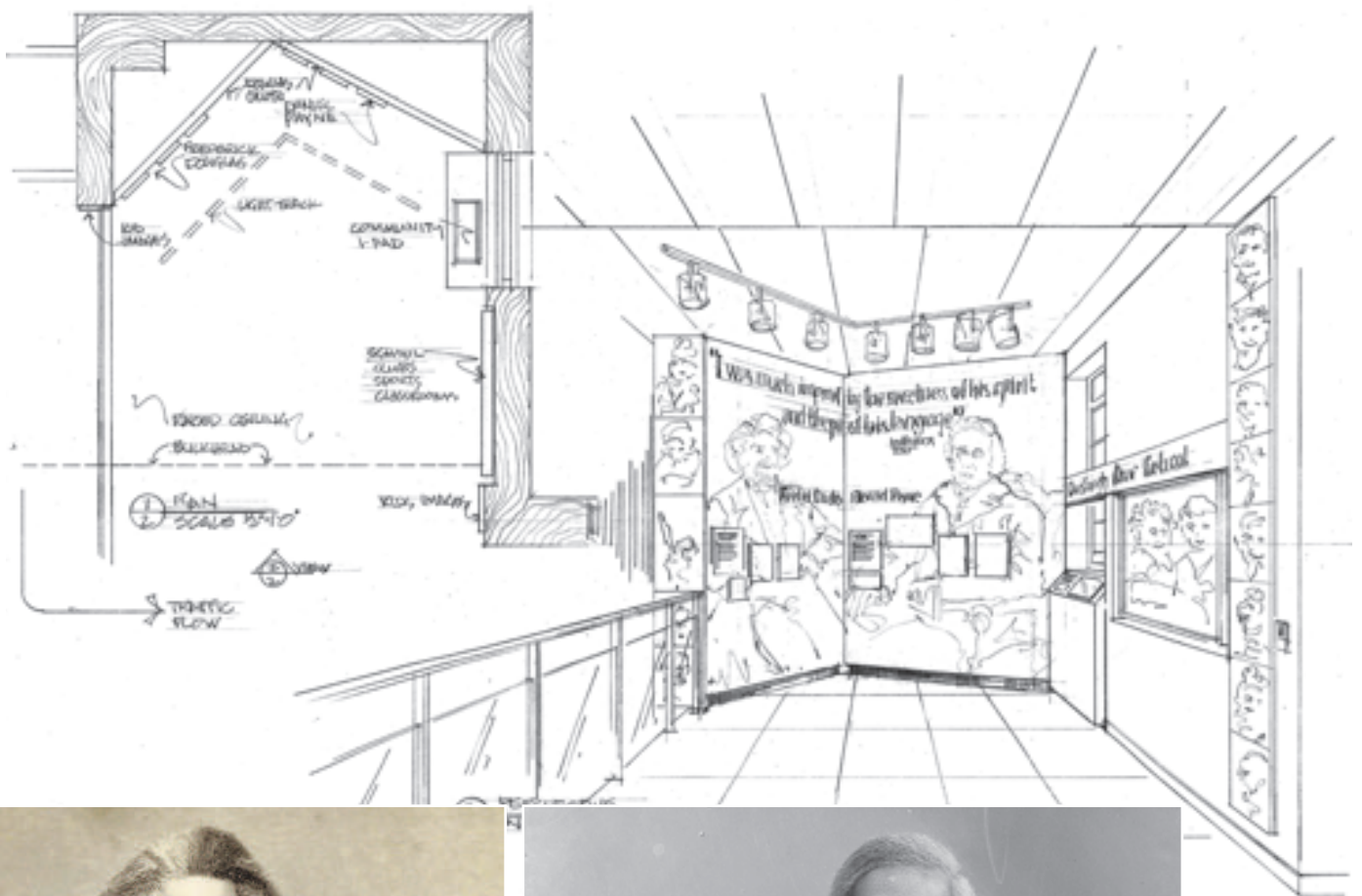
"Just imagine the possibilities and the opportunities that the students will have while investigating Payne's long and lustrous history. While using numerous resources for research and digging deep to examine the past, we will also instill skills the students can use for years to come." - Juanita Stokes, Payne Teacher



"Payne has a rich and proud history and many families have attended the school for generations. The Story of our Schools will help us celebrate and build bridges to Payne's past. Our hope is that this project will also help build stronger bridges among families at the school today." - Mark Jordan, Payne PTA President



"I think its good that we're doing The Story of Our Schools so the kids that go here will know more about who the school is named after and what the school was like before them." - Reagan, 5th Grader at Payne



At the time of Daniel Payne's death, Frederick Douglass wrote, "He carried the torchlight of education wherever he went."